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Paint Inspection

During transit and storage, new cars may be exposed to airborne pollutants which damage the paint surface. This damage must be recognized and repaired before the car is delivered to the customer. Use the procedure below to properly inspect new cars during PDI.

PROCEDURE

Remove the protective shipping wax (refer to Service Bulletin 87-006), then wash and dry the car. Do not apply any waxes, polishing compounds, glazes, etc., until the paint surfaces have been thoroughly inspected.

Inspect all painted surfaces as explained below for damage by **Acid Rain** and **Industrial Fallout.**

Acid Rain – The appearance of acid rain damage can vary somewhat depending on whether the pain color is dark or light, metallic or non-metallic, clear-coated or not clear-coated. Typically, acid rain damage looks very much like water droplets that have dried on the paint: a white ring around the outside, with a clear or dull center. These rings may be as small as a pinhead or as big as a quarter. In severe cases, pitting of the surface will be seen within the rings. It is also possible for acid rain damage to appear as a discoloration or staining with no visible ring or pitting.

To inspect, park the car in an area illuminated by fluorescent lights, as acid rain damage can be seen more easily in this type of light. Examine the surface by looking at it closely from various angles. Acid rain damage will be most visible at the edge of the light's reflection on the surface.

Industrial Fallout – This takes the form of small airborne iron particles which stick to the paint surface. They can eventually "eat" through the paint to the base metal and promote rust.

Damage from industrial fallout is easier to feel than to see. By running a fingernail across the surface, the metal particles will be felt as a gritty sensation. You may also hear a scraping sound. Rust-colored dots may be visible on very light paint surfaces.

CORRECTIVE ACTION

If either of the above types of damage is identified, refer to the appropriate Service Bulletin for the corrective action.

Acid Rain – 88-037, dated Dec. 9, 1988
Industrial Fallout – 88-035, dated Dec. 2, 1988

WARRANTY INFORMATION

None – this procedure should be considered part of PDI. Warranty information for correcting paint damage is included in the applicable Service Bulletin.

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